

## Around Town

BY SAM C. MORRIS

You can forget about the weather report in this column this week because the writer was not in Hoke County and as this is being written he hasn't heard anything about the weather.

The reason for this is that last Tuesday morning about 4 AM Mary Alice and I left Hoke County on a foggy morning for Raleigh. There we met approximately 50 other people from North Carolina and boarded a 727 United Air Lines jet for Los Angeles.

The five hour trip across the United States was uneventful and we landed in the smog in L.A. This was not a chartered flight so we put down at Huntsville, Ala. on the way across.

We had a 2½ hour layover in L.A. and it was very interesting to watch the planes come and go from the airport and also the many people that were hurrying from one starting or loading gate to another one. I didn't realize the number of people that are flying now. The reason is that I don't fly around that much.

The airport at Los Angeles must be one of the busiest in the country. It seemed to me that a plane was either taking off or landing every time you would look up.

On the flight from Los Angeles to Hawaii we boarded a 747. Now anyone that doesn't fly much wouldn't have any idea just how big this plane is. There were approximately 400 passengers on the plane and all of them were bound for Hawaii.

It took about 30 minutes waiting in line before the takeoff and where all those planes were going is something to think about. This is a smooth flying machine but it makes one wonder how anything that big and with the load on it could get off the ground. Now I know why the bumble bee flies even if theory says its wings are too small.

We landed at Honolulu at four o'clock Hawaiian time and got settled in our hotel and the baggage finally arrived and everything is in tip top shape to start a vacation in Paradise.

Now when most of you readers see this in my column Mary Alice and I will be back in Raeford if all plans work on schedule.

I am not a flying person but this trip may up my courage a little more for a trip to other parts of the world.

Maybe next week I can give you some real pointers on a vacation in Hawaii.

# Business Booming In Raeford

## N. C. Jaycee President Visits Here

The Raeford Jaycees held a Jaycee prayer breakfast Tuesday morning at Randy's Barbeque on Harris Avenue.

Harold Herring, president of the N.C. Jaycees, was present at the breakfast. Herring stopped in Raeford as a part of his tour of District D of the East Central Region. He expressed his appreciation for the job that the Raeford Jaycees are doing in the Raeford community and stressed the need for expanding Jaycee membership.

Mayor John K. McNeill, special guest of the Jaycees, presented Herring with a plaque engraved with the seal of the City of Raeford. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to the Jaycees for their contributions to Raeford and Hoke County.

Also present was County Commissioner Danny DeVane. DeVane is also a Jaycee member. He welcomed Herring to Hoke County and invited him to visit here again.

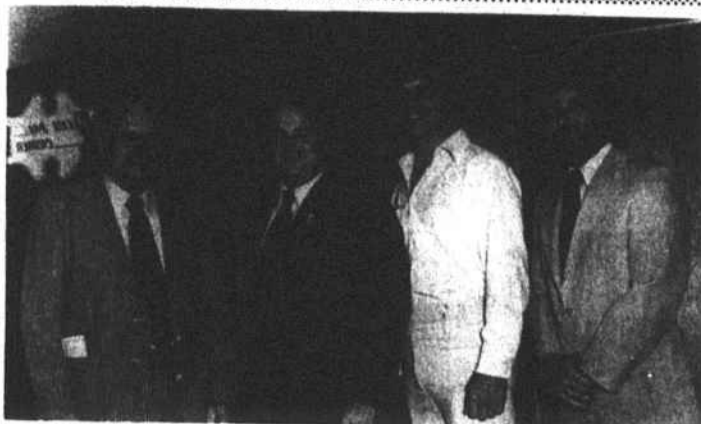
## April 1 Rule Applies To CETA Group

Not all Hoke County Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) employees will get the 7 percent cost of living increase voted by the county commissioners last week.

County Manager James Martin said Tuesday that the April 1 rule will apply to CETA workers as well as to other county employees. In setting the budget for the coming year, the board voted not to give salary increases to those employees hired by the county after April 1.

Although the motion regarding CETA employee raises did not mention the April 1 rule, Martin said the motion included the phrase "Subject to county policy."

There are 105 CETA workers in the county. Twenty-five were hired after April 1.



JAYCEES -- Harold Herring, president of the N.C. Jaycees, attended a prayer breakfast given by the Raeford Jaycees here Tuesday. Pictured are [L-R] Mayor John K. McNeill, Harold Herring, Robert Pecora and Danny DeVane.

## Nobles To Serve out Senator Britt's Term

The chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners has been nominated to fill the unexpired term of N.C. Senator Luther J. Britt, Jr., 46, who died in Lumberton last Saturday after suffering a severe heart attack July 17.

Sam Nobles, a native of Robeson County who runs a real estate and insurance firm, was nominated by the Democratic District Senatorial Executive Committee on Monday, the same day about 1,200 mourners paid their last respects to Britt during services at the First Baptist Church in Lumberton.

In remarks at the 2 p.m. funeral, Gov. Jim Hunt identified Britt as a "true friend of the people. North Carolina will always be a better state" because of Britt's leadership.

"Robeson County and North Carolina have lost a great public servant," Hunt said, and I have lost a close personal friend."

"Britt, an attorney, represented the 12th Senatorial District of Hoke and Robeson counties since 1971. He was unopposed in the May Democratic primary in his bid for re-election.

A Lumberton native, Britt was city attorney there for 12 years and served a term as president of the



Sen. Luther Britt

Robeson County Bar and president of the 16th Judicial District Bar. He served as chairman of the senate judiciary committee and was appointed by the governor to serve on seven state study commissions. A past president of the Jaycees, Britt was judged one of the five top state presidents in the nation in 1967.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Williams Britt; father, Luther Johnson Britt, Sr. of Lumberton; sons, Luther Johnson Britt III, Hewitt Brooks Britt and Lee Elkins Britt of Lumberton; daughter, Miss Sarah Beta Britt of Lumberton; sisters, Miss Mary Brooks Britt of Fayetteville and Dr. Marie Britt Rhynne of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Harold Gillis and Kay Thomas represented Hoke County on the committee which nominated Nobles to serve out Britt's term. Gillis said the group was very reluctant to meet on the day of Britt's funeral

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Business appears to be booming in Raeford with several new enterprises planning to open soon and some of the old standbys putting on new faces.

A restaurant, pharmacy, a sewing center, and a real estate firm are among the new arrivals.

Golal Dimetry, a native of Alexandria, Egypt, is planning to open a restaurant that will serve buffet style during the week, and he hopes to be able to serve Lebanese fare on Sundays.

Dimetry will be in Edenborough Shopping Center in the old Uptown Restaurant location.

Also opening in the shopping center is a new pharmacy, Edinborough Pharmacy, a discount drug center, will be located beside the new restaurant. The new drug store is owned by Walter Coley of Hoke Drugs and Bill Howell of Howell Pharmacy. They hope to open in about two weeks.

Earlier this year, another discount drug center, the Medicine Shoppe, opened at the corner of Harris Avenue and Main Street.

Popes Variety Store is planning to move from its current location to the site of the old Dollar Store. It is rumored that a variety store will be in one half of the building now occupied by Popes. A spokesman for Popes explained that plans for the move are incomplete and an opening date for the new location is uncertain.

The Pantry, a convenience store located in the small shopping center on Harris Avenue, will move to its new building on Harris Avenue as soon as the building is complete. A spokesman for the store said that they hope to be in the new location within a few weeks.

Another new face on Main Street will be a fabric and sewing center. The opening date for the center has not been set, but Kay Thompson, proprietor, plans to sell fabrics, notions, and Singer sewing machines. She also says the shop will do sewing for individuals.

The Bank of Raeford is constructing a new building on the old Upchurch Milling Company property on Main Street. Gene Carter, bank president, says that plans for the building are incomplete and a date for the move has not been set. The bank also plans to maintain an office in its current location, Carter said.

Younger Sneed, manager of Hoke Auto Company, says they hope to open the new Chevrolet facility, located in Highway 401, sometime in September. Southern Planning and Construction Corporation plans to renovate the old Chevrolet building on Main Street for office space.

Jeff Davis of Southern Planning explained that the upstairs will be renovated to make office space for Southern Planning. First-floor office space is planned for rental customers.

The Main Street entrance will be a lobby. Bookkeepers and office personnel will be available for the use of the lease customers if they desire that service, Davis said.

He said plans are tentative now and will depend upon the findings

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## Maynor Resigns

## Board Of Education Calls Special Session

A special session of the Hoke County Board of Education has been called following the resignation of one of the two directors of instruction for the Hoke County Schools, Raz Autry, superintendent of schools announced Tuesday.

The board is expected to select a replacement for Roy Maynor, who resigned from the \$18,260 per-year state-paid post effective July 31. The other director of instruction, Florence Cohen, is paid through local funding, according to a spokesman at the board of education office.

When asked his reason for leaving, Maynor said he "just felt it was time for a change."

Although his plans are incomplete, he said he will probably be working in the Robeson County school system.

The directors of instruction are involved in working with the school's instructional program and with teachers in all grades.

The special meeting will be held Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the board building.

## Chorale Returns From Europe

Seven members of the Hoke High School Chorale returned last week after a two-week sprint around European countries where they performed as singing ambassadors from America.

The Hoke students and three other North Carolinians were the only ones of the group of 32 from N.C. The other members of the tour were from South Carolina schools. The tour was guided by Dr. Robert Edgerton, music director of Winthrop College. Local students touring the Youth

Chorale were Janet Best, Julie Gibson, Susan McLean, Kathy Morgan, Robbie Shook, Neill McNeill, and Dan Norton. Norton is actually an alumnus of the chorale. A graduate of Hoke High, he is currently attending Fayetteville Tech.

The group was chaperoned by Mary Archie McNeill, music director at Hoke High.

On the tour, the group visited France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and Holland.

They arrived in Amsterdam July 6 after departing from New York July 5. In Amsterdam, they visited the Ryksmuseum and cruised on the canals. The group also had an excursion of the island of Marken followed by a visit to Volendam.

The first concert was performed at Gouda in St. John's Church. The following day the group departed for Voorburg where they performed during the morning service in the Baste Burchtkeek.

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EUROPEAN TOUR -- Seven local students and Mary Archie McNeill, Hoke High music director, recently returned home after touring European countries as musical ambassadors. They are pictured here with the S.C. Chorale at a castle at Heidelberg. Concerts are given in this courtyard, as the chorale grouped itself and sang informally there.

## August MOA Meeting Set To Discuss Zone Changes

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will hold another informal meeting at the courthouse here August 24 to discuss a military air zone that has been proposed for Hoke County. The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m.

"To alleviate the possible economical effect and noise problem (that might be caused by the zone), the military has agreed to amend their original proposal," according to a letter from the FAA received by officials here last week. The meeting has been called to discuss the amendments.

Raeford Mayor J.K. McNeill, Jr. said city officials have not been informed about the specifics of the amendments but said it is likely the changes are in line with those announced in May.

In May the FAA said it was working with the military to modify the zone, called a Military Operations Area (MOA). At that time the proposed modifications included establishing an access corridor to the Raeford Municipal Airport,

raising the MOA floor over the airport to an altitude that would provide for adequate operations and traffic patterns, and establishing an MOA floor of 3,000 feet over Raeford.

The Hoke County MOA has caused much concern among local residents ever since it was discovered at the first of the year that officials were planning to chart the zone in the skies over Raeford and surrounding areas.

Military and FAA spokesmen have called the zone a safety measure and have said repeatedly that it will not have any adverse impact on the area. However, in spite of such assurances, local residents are suspicious of the zone.

They fear that military activity will increase in the area once the zone is established and the resulting noise from jet aircraft will hurt the local economy.

For years fighter planes flying ground support missions for infantry troops at nearby Fort Bragg have circled in holding patterns

over Hoke County. A new FAA order restricts these high speed fighters from flying below 10,000 feet unless they operate in designated airspace, such as an MOA. Air support is essential if ground troops at Bragg are to maintain combat readiness. Army spokesmen have said.

The MOA would concentrate the holding patterns into a defined area around Raeford and would be drawn on aviation charts to let pilots know to be on the lookout for military traffic.

Local residents have expressed opposition to the zone at several public meetings, the last in April. Comments made at that meeting led to the proposed changes in the zone, according to the letter received last week.

In the letter, Richard N. Robinson, chief, Airspace and Procedures Branch, Air Traffic Division, said: "It was noted that many of the objections perceived the proposed MOA as (1) having an

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